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Attorney General John Ashcroft US Department of Justice 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I support the settlement the Department of Justice and Microsoft agreed to several months ago in their three-year-old antitrust lawsuit. I think Microsoft has gotten a bad rap because of its market dominance, and I believe the case should be concluded without more litigation.

The settlement's terms will allow competitors to better integrate their programs into Windows. Disclosing internal programming language to competitors is a generous move on Microsoft's part, and shows the company's willingness to put the situation behind them.

Please support the settlement and allow Microsoft to concentrate on future business endeavors. They have led the way in technological innovation for two decades now, and should be free to continue doing so.

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